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SPRUCE MOUNTAIN TEMPORARY TRAVEL LIMITATIONS ANNOUNCED

Temporary travel limitations are now in effect for Spruce Mountain approximately 40 miles south of Wells, Nevada. These limitations require vehicles to use only existing roads and trails in the Spruce Mountain area, Nevada Department of Wildlife Hunt Unit 105.

“The purpose of these limitations is to protect sensitive wildlife habitat and important cultural resources from adverse impacts resulting from vehicles traveling off existing roads and two-tracks,” said BLM Elko Field Manager Helen Hankins. “No roads are being closed. The limitations simply mean that people must keep their vehicles on the approximately 850 miles of existing roads and trails in the Spruce Mountain area. The limitations will remain in effect until BLM completes a land use plan revision or land use plan amendment and a Decision Record.”

“We are currently working on Travel Management Planning for the Elko Field Office including Spruce Mountain and we’ve had a lot of good input and suggestions from the public,” Hankins added. “Travel management planning is an open process and is dependant on public involvement.”

Hankins concluded, “During this interim period, competitive events on public land are prohibited in the Spruce Mountain area. This restriction does not to apply to BLM authorized permittees doing activities related to their ranching operations as described within the terms and conditions of their existing permits, official Nevada State and Elko County business, and BLM law enforcement.”

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